

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Title : Exhaust Line of a Internal Combustion Engine having  
controllable Exhaust Flaps

**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in  
response to the Office Action dated January 8, 2008.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which  
begins on page 2 of this paper. ***No additional claims fees are due.***

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.